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Subject: Resource-related Research application [wipke
To: wipke
cc: RINDFLEISCH

Todd==
Hereinbelow a draft letter. Tom is sending you some fiscal data,
and hardware specs.

Please feel free to copy this into your proposal, or to return with
any suggested modifications.

Good luck,
Josh

Statement from Dr. J. Lederberg
Professor of Genetics and
Principal Investigator, SUMEX-AIM Computer Resource

This note is in response to the outline of the objectives
of Dr. Wipke's proposal for a resource-related research project that
appears on page. ---. [I have enjoyed telephone conversations with
Dr. Wipke on his proposal, but did not have the entire text at hand
at the present time; I will be happy to respond in more detail to his
formal proposal if there are any further questions about its relation-
ship to the SUMEX and DENDRAL projects based at Stanford.

Dr. Wipke's work has been adjudged by our advisory committee to be one of the more creative projects that belong to the SUMEX-AIM user community. We welcome the augmentation of this effort that would be enabled by the success of his application. Since he moved to UC/ Santa Cruz and begin his work within the SUMEX-AIM framework he has also distinguished himself by the cooperative spirit of his efforts and has been quite successful in relating to the circle of investigators working on complementary problems here at Stanford. His attributions about the complementary aspects of his work, and of the DENDRAL project, are in accord with our own perceptions. While we have had some opportunity in the past to take advantage of his particular contributions to the calculation and display of molecular geometries, the cooperative effort within the framework of the SUMEX-AIM resource has been much more efficient and productive. We believe that other users, e.g., of the CONGEN program, and the XRAY-structural analysis, who work on SUMEX in related areas will continue to benefit in a similar fashion.

We have discussed the relevant details of cost- and resource-allocation with Dr. Wipke, and believe we have an effective accommodation as spelled out in his budget justification. Specific aliquots of access to the SUMEX resource must be re-examined annually by our advisory committee, but the level of enthusiasm for his work, together with accumulating evidence of the cooperative style of his current efforts leave me with no doubt that he will continue to get high-priority approval within the framework of the fair allocation of the resource to all qualified users. There is no manifest reason for Dr. Wipke not to rely upon SUMEX-AIM as the medium for his investigations.

In his own budget he has indicated the areas where incremental contributions to the operation of SUMEX-AIM would relieve serious pressures on the resource for the specific benefit of his own project,
